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SUBJECT: GALLAGHER/DYKES MEETING WITH PRESS

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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM EAGLEBURGER

1. WHILE WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT SOME PUBLIC-RELATIONS ADVANTAGES MIGHT BE GAINED FROM MEETING BETWEEN PRESS AND GALLAGHER/DYKES ALONG LINES DESCRIBED REF (A), WE CONTINUE TO FEEL THAT OVERRIDING CONSIDERATION MUST BE THEIR MENTAL AND PHYSICAL WELL-BEING. MEDICAL OPINION HERE IS THAT MEETING WITH PRESS EVEN TO READ BRIEF STATEMENT ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER RELEASE COULD HAVE UNTOWARD CONSEQUENCES. WE NOTE IN THIS REGARD THAT COLONEL MORGAN HAD BEEN HELD ONLY 13 DAYS, WHILE GALLAGHER/DYKES CAPTIVITY HAS ALREADY PASSED TWO-MONTH MARK.

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2. IN VIEW OF LENGTH OF CAPTIVITY, WE BELIEVE THAT NEWSMEN
SHOULD UNDERSTAND RELUCTANCE TO SUBMIT GALLAGHER/DYKES TO
MEETING WITH PRESS IN BEIRUT. KISSINGER

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